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Utah Principal Crop Planted Acreage Up 9 Percent in 2013

Utah principal crop planted acreage, including all wheat, barley, oats, corn, and all hay, is up 9 percent in 2013 compared to 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Utah Field Office. Harvested acreage for principal crops, at 1,022,000, is up 12 percent from last year.

Leading the way in 2013 was alfalfa hay acreage, at 570,000 acres, which is 14 percent higher than the year before. Other hay acreage is also up in 2013 at 165,000 acres. This is a 3 percent increase from the previous year. Together, all hay acreage is up 11 percent from 2012.

All wheat planted acreage, at 163,000 acres, is up 5 percent from the year before. Winter wheat planted acreage at 145,000 acres is up 4 percent while spring wheat planted acres at 18,000, is up 20 percent from last year.

Corn planted for all purposes at 95,000 acres is up 3 percent from the previous year. Corn to be harvested for grain is a record high 40,000 acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

Oat planted acreage in 2013 at 40,000 acres is up 33 percent from 2012. Oats to be harvested for grain, at 6,000 acres is double what it was last year.

Barley planted acres for 2013, at 40,000, are down 9 percent from last year. Barley harvested acres, at 30,000 are up 15 percent from the year before.

Safflower planted acres for 2013, at 20,000, are down 29 percent from last year. Safflower harvested acres, at 19,000, are down 17 percent from last year.

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